Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, A popular annual threshing show was organized in Lake County in the early 1960's by Joe Habeger, generating such broad interest that a permanent home was sought which would also serve as a venue for the preservation of the history of Dakota pioneer settlers; and,

Whereas, On June 5, 1966, Governor Nils Boe and Senator Karl Mundt broke ground two miles west of Madison on the property of what would become Prairie Village; and,

Whereas, Prairie Village expanded over the subsequent 50 years to include over 40 historic buildings, a rare steam carousel, an operating railroad, one of the only remaining chapel cars, and a growing continuation of the original Steam Threshing Jamboree; and,

Whereas, Today Prairie Village remains a historic preservation site first and foremost but has additionally become a destination for numerous large events, concerts, tours, and family camping; and,

Whereas, Prairie Historical Society is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of Prairie Village on July 9, 2016:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 9, 2016, as

PRAIRIE VILLAGE DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State